



Fact Sheet: 2023 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report

Key Findings from the Point-in-Time Counts

At a point in time at the end of January 2023, 653,104 people – or about 20 of every 10,000 people in the United States – experienced homelessness across the United States. This is the highest number of people counted and reported as experiencing homelessness on a single night since reporting began in 2007. Unlike in the past where a single population drove the change, this year’s increases were across all populations. While the upward trend in unsheltered homelessness began several years ago, these increases were exacerbated in recent years as the COVID-19 pandemic, an opioid epidemic, and a nationwide affordable housing crisis conspired to make attaining and maintaining housing increasingly difficult for many low-income households. Increases in *sheltered* homelessness, particularly increases among families, reflect recent contextual issues such as the expiration of pandemic-era eviction moratoria and income protections, expansion of shelter capacity based on new pandemic-related resources and the easing of pandemic-related restrictions on shelter capacity.

Exhibit A. People Experiencing Homelessness by Household Type and Shelter Status, 2007 - 2023

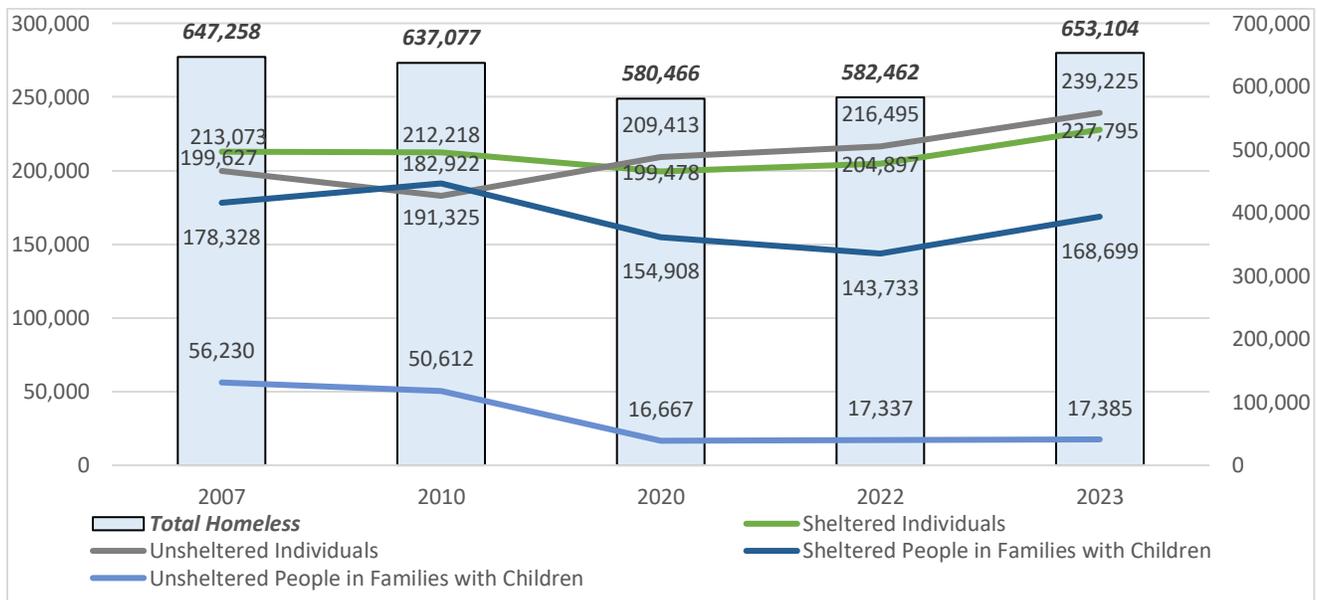


Exhibit B. Changes in People Experiencing Homelessness

	2007 to 2023		2010 to 2023		2022 to 2023		2022 to 2023	
Total Population Experiencing Homelessness	5,846	0.9%	16,027	2.5%	72,638	12.5%	70,642	12.1%
Sheltered Individuals	14,722	6.9%	15,577	7.3%	28,317	14.2%	22,898	11.2%
Unsheltered Individuals	39,598	19.8%	56,303	30.8%	29,812	14.2%	22,730	10.5%
Sheltered People in Families with Children	-9,629	-5.4%	-22,626	-11.8%	13,791	8.9%	24,966	17.4%
Unsheltered People in Families with Children	-38,845	-69.1%	-33,227	-65.7%	718	4.3%	48	0.3%

Key Findings

Of the roughly 650,000 people experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2023, more than seven in 10 were in households with only adults (i.e. individuals). Households with only adults staying in unsheltered locations were the largest single segment of the total population experiencing homelessness (37%), followed by individuals staying in sheltered locations (35%). Twenty-nine percent of people experiencing homelessness did so as part of a family with at least one adult and one child under 18 years of age. Most people in families were sheltered.

Individuals: The number of individuals experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness is the highest it has ever been since data reporting began in 2007. In 2023, the number of individuals experiencing homelessness was 13 percent greater than in 2007. Increases were highest among unsheltered individuals, which increased by 20 percent (39,598 more people). In just one year, between 2022 and 2023, the number of unsheltered individuals increased by 23,000 people or 11 percent. Of the approximately 360 communities that conducted unsheltered counts in both 2022 and 2023, a startling 70 percent reported increases in the number of individuals staying outdoors. Nationally, sheltered homelessness also increased, by seven percent or about 15,000 more individuals.

Families: The overall number of people in families with children who were experiencing homelessness on a single night increased by more than 25,000 people (or 16%) between 2022 and 2023, ending a downward trend in family homelessness that began in 2012. This overall increase in the number of families with children experiencing homelessness between 2022 and 2023 was driven by a 17 percent increase in the number of families with children experiencing sheltered homelessness (24,966 more people). Changes in family homelessness reflect recent contextual issues such as the expiration of pandemic-era eviction moratoria and income protections that had helped reduce the number of people

coming into the shelter system, expansion of shelter capacity using new pandemic-related resources, and the easing of pandemic-related restrictions on the use of existing shelter capacity.

Veterans: In 2023, 35,574 veterans experiencing homelessness in the U.S., 22 of every 10,000 veterans in the United States. The number of veterans experiencing homelessness increased by seven percent (2,445 more veterans) between 2022 and 2023. The increase included a 14 percent rise in the number of unsheltered veterans (1,943 more veterans) and a three percent increase in veterans experiencing sheltered homelessness (502 more veterans). Despite increases in veteran homelessness between 2022 and 2023, veteran homelessness is 52 percent lower than it was in 2009, the baseline year for veteran homelessness.

People with Chronic Patterns of Homelessness: In January of 2023, 143,105 people experiencing homelessness as individuals has chronic patterns of homelessness, the highest number of individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness since these data were first reported in 2007. About one-third (31%) of all individuals experiencing homelessness reported having chronic patterns of homelessness. Two-thirds of individuals with chronic patterns of homelessness, or almost 93,000 people, were counted in unsheltered locations. This is the highest number recorded.

Unaccompanied Youth: In January 2023, 34,703 unaccompanied youth were reported to be experiencing homelessness in the United States. These unaccompanied youth made up 22 percent of all people under the age of 25 who were experiencing homelessness. Between 2022 and 2023, the number of unaccompanied youth increased by 15 percent (4,613 more youth). The number in 2023 is similar to the number of unaccompanied youth observed in 2020, just before the onset of the pandemic. The increase in unaccompanied youth homelessness between 2022 and 2023 was the result of increases in both sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. The number of unaccompanied youth in sheltered locations increased by 20 percent (3,419 more youth) while the number in unsheltered locations increased by nine percent (1,194 more youth).

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